



Bicentennial Service for
 life of George Washington
 Walker - at Quaker
 Cemetery - Mellifont Street,
 West Hobart.

Walker boys from right
 of third tomb stone -
 Robert Benson - George
 Benson - Peter Benson
 James Benson.

MR. R. A. MATHER.

We regret to have to announce this week the death of Mr. Robert Andrew Mather, which took place at his residence, Murray-street, Hobart, on Saturday, 17th Oct. 1884. The late Mr. Mather was one of those men, who, without occupying any prominent public position, or aspiring to be a leader of men, spend their lives in quiet unostentatious charity, and associate with only those public movements, which have for their object the alleviation of the sufferings of their fellow creatures. Born in London on August 17, 1815, he came to Tasmania when quite a lad, and the greater part of the education which he received, was obtained in this colony. About 1849, he went into business in Brooks' buildings, in Liverpool-street, and the firm once established, the trade increased until now the house of Mather and Sons is one of the most prominent of its class in the city, or indeed in the whole island. Of a kindly, generous nature, the deceased early associated himself with the various philanthropic movements which have been established here, and his name will long be held in grateful remembrance by numbers of recipients of his beneficence. There are few persons in Hobart and its suburbs, whose lot has been cast on the seamy side of life, who have not at one time or another felt grateful for his thoughtful favours, and his disinterested aid, and he was entirely free from that cold, formal, callous patronage which unfortunately seems to cling so tenaciously to public movements of a benevolent character. Throughout his long life of nearly 70 years, Mr. Mather enjoyed unusually good health and spirits, and he was able, until quite recently, to take part in these organisations, whose interests he had so much at heart. For some months past he had been ailing, and latterly his health seemed completely to break down, and he was compelled perforce to retire almost entirely to the privacy of domestic life. Dr. Benjafield frequently saw him but his services were of no avail, and yesterday afternoon deceased, after taking dinner, was suddenly seized with an apoplectic fit, and in a short time he had breathed his last. His regular medical attendant was called in, but when he arrived life was already extinct. The deceased was for many years chairman of the Benevolent Society, and was also chairman of the Visiting Committee of the General Hospital, and of the Boys' Home. He took great interest in the welfare of the boarding-out children, and was an active member of the Society of Friends. He leaves a wide circle of relations and friends to mourn their loss.